

House Resolution No. 2593

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State youths who admirably demonstrate their true potential as lifelong learners and future societal leaders through their accomplishments thus far in life; and

Whereas, a team consisting of six fifth-grade girls at California Elementary School in the Moniteau R-I School District of California, Missouri, was recently selected to advance to the TOYchallenge 2005 National Showcase which will be held at the Sigma Xi Center in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, on May 7, 2005; and

Whereas, successfully passing the Preliminary Round were California Elementary School students Melissa Gerhart, daughter of Norris and Lesley Gerhart; Bailey Glenn, daughter of Steve and Kristie Glenn; Meghan Halsey, daughter of Johnny and Amy Halsey; Tanner Roberts, daughter of Jon and Tammy Roberts; Taylor Stenquist, daughter of Dr. Glenn and Carolyn Stenquist; and Sadie Therooff, daughter of Tim and Julia Therooff; and

Whereas, the California Elementary School TOYchallenge team constructed a game entitled “Four Square” which helps preschool children to build pattern recognition skills while learning shapes, colors, letters, and numbers in a challenging and fun-filled way; and

Whereas, for the Preliminary Round, the California Elementary School team submitted written descriptions and visual presentations of its game concepts based on themed categories, including Games for the Family, Get Out and Play, and Toys that Teach; and

Whereas, the California Elementary School TOYchallenge submission was judged on originality, creativity, engineering elegance, feasibility, design process description, team participation, and clarity of communication; and

Whereas, open to all United States and Canadian students in grades five through eight, TOYchallenge was developed by Sally Ride, the first American woman in space and founder of Sally Ride Science, and by the Smith College Picker Engineering Program as an outreach activity to engage middle school students, especially girls, in science and engineering;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the accomplishments garnered by the California Elementary School all-girl TOYchallenge team and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body’s most heartfelt best wishes for unparalleled success in national competition at the 2005 National Showcase competition; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of California Elementary School’s 2005 TOYchallenge fifth-grade team.

Offered by _____
Representative Kenny Jones
District No. 117

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do

certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2593, adopted April 26, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker